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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, the undersigned has reviewed the evidentiary documents, specifically the Assignment referenced below, and certifies that to the best of his knowledge and belief, title remains in the name of Pactiv Corporation.

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FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the recoipt, sufficiency and adequacy of which are hereby auknowledged, the undersigned, do hereby:

SELL, ASSIGN AND TRANSFER to Tenneco Packaging Inc. (the "Assignee"), a corporation of Delaware, having a place of business at 1900 West Field Court, Lake Forest, Illinois, 60045, their entire right, title and interest for the United States and all foreign countries in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent, which has been executed by the undersigned concurrently herewith and is entitled "FILL-THROUGH-THE-TOP PACKAGE AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING THE SAME" such application and all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue and all other applications for patent which have been or shall be filed in the United States and all foreign countries on any of such improvements; all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued in the United States and all foreign countries on such improvements; and specifically including the right to file foreign applications under the provisions of any convention or treaty and claim priority based on such application in the United States;

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TO BE BINDING on the heirs, assigns, representatives and successors of the undersigned and extend to the successors, assigns and nominees of the Assignee.

In re Appln. of Athens et al.
"Fill-Through-the-Top Package and Method and Apparatus for Making the Same"

Signature: Toby R. Thomas Date: 8/12/99 Name: Toby R. Thomas
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personally appeared Toby R. Thomas, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.
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Signature: Samuel D. Aversa Date: 8/12/99 Name: Samuel D. Aversa
STATE OF () 85.
BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day of day of day of personally appeared Samuel D. AVersa, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed. Notary or Consular Officer
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Signature: John D. Ottors

Name: John D. Athans

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INC.", CHANGING ITS NAME FROM "TENNECO PACKAGING INC." TO

"PACTIV CORPORATION", FILED IN THIS OFFICE ON THE FOURTH DAY OF

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CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT

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RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

TENNECO PACKAGING INC.

Tenneco Packaging Inc., a corporation duly organized and existing under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "Corporation"), does hereby certify that:

1. The Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation is hereby amended by deleting Article FIRST thereof and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

"FIRST. The name of the Corporation is Pactiv Corporation."

- 2. The foregoing amendment was duly adopted in accordance with the provisions of Sections 242 and 228 (by the written consent of the sole stockholder of the Corporation) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.
- 3. This Certificate of Amendment, and the amendment effected hereby, shall become effective at 4:01 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on November 4, 1999.

STATE OF DELAWARE SECRETARY OF STATE DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS FILED 04:01 PM 11/04/1999 991468609 - 0624402 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Tenneco Packaging Inc. has caused this Certificate to be executed by its duly authorized officer, on this the day of humber, 1999.

TENNECO PACKAGING INC.

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President